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SUBJECT: ILO: 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 102699; B) GENEVA 4437 (NOTAL, BEING
REPEATED)

1. GOVERNMENTS IN ADDRESSEE CAPITALS PLAYED SURPRISINGLY
UNHELPFUL ROLE IN FIRST MAJOR TEST AT INTERNATIONAL
LABOR CONFERENCE. MOTION TO SEND ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT
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(SEE REF A AND B FOR BACKGROUND) TO COMMITTEE ON
STANDING ORDERS RECEIVED 134 VOTES FOR, TWO AGAINST
(MEXICO) AND 219 ABSTENTIONS. UNDER ILO RULES, MOTION
FAILED FOR LACK OF QUORUM. EFFORT WILL NOW BE MADE TO
DIRECT AMENDMENT TO STRUCTURE COMMITTEE WHERE IT IS LIKELY
TO DIE.

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2. USG REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL HOROWITZ VISITED ADDRESSEE CAPITALS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO DISCUSS WITH TOP OFFICIALS U.S. POSITION. ALTHOUGH BRAZILIANS NON-COMMITAL, OTHERS PROMISED SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION FOR OUR POSITION. MEXICO AND VENEZUELA INFORMED HOROWITZ THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION.

3. POSTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH IMMEDIATELY HOST GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL TO UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO CURRENT ILO CONFERENCE. POSTS SHOULD POINT OUT: (A) OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE WILL HAVE A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON WHETHER U.S. FEELS THAT THERE REMAINS SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN ILO CONCERN-ING RESPECT FOR PROCEDURES AND CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES TO JUSTIFY CONTINUED U.S. MEMBERSHIP; (B) OUTCOME WILL HAVE MAJOR RAMIFICATIONS FOR UN SYSTEM WHICH LARGELY SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (C) WE REGARD THIS AS SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP; (D) WE ARE ASKING SUPPORT FOR POSITION THAT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST--RESPECT FOR PROCEDURES. ON ISSUE OF ISRAEL'S ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED RESOLUTIONS THAT VIOLATE ILO PROCEDURES. UNDER ILO CONVENTION 111 ON DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, ILO CURRENTLY POSING ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO ISRAEL REGARDING ANSWERS IT HAS SUBMITTED WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYMENT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ANY NATION CAN SUBMIT FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION; (E) U.S. PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR ARTICLE 17 WOULD ENSURE ABILITY OF ILO TO EXAMINE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED AND IMPARTIAL PROCEDURES. IT DOES NOT PREVENT THOSE ISSUES FROM BEING TAKEN UP. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WHICH LARGELY SERVE THEIR INTERESTS, DO NOT BECOME SHORT TERM POLITICAL TOOLS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE WORK THAT BENEFITS THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE THIRD WORLD.

4. SINCE ARTICLE 17 ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN MONDAY, JUNE 6, IN SELECTIONS COMMITTEE--THE CONFERENCE TRAFFIC COP--IT IS CRITICAL THAT HOST GOVERNMENT INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION. POSTS REQUESTED REPORT REACTIONS SOONEST.

5. FOR MEXICO: DEPT WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT DUE TO PECULIARITIES OF ILO VOTING PROCEDURES, MEXICO'S NO VOTE NOT NECESSARILY MORE HOSTILE THAN ABSTENTION.

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IMPORTANT YOU URGE HOST GOVERNMENT TO INSTRUCT ITS
DELEGATION TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH USDEL
TO COORDINATE VOTING STRATEGY. CHRISTOPHER

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